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The AHG program was initiated in 1999 in support of salmon recovery efforts to ensure aquatic and floodplain restoration planning and design efforts were strategic, effective and the best use of limited resources. The scope of the program has since broadened to:

The promotion, protection, and restoration of fully functioning marine, freshwater, and riparian ecosystems through comprehensive and effective management of activities affecting Washington's aquatic and riparian ecosystems.

Guidelines developed in the AHG program employ an integrated approach to marine, freshwater, and riparian habitat protection and restoration. That is, they seek to protect and restore the structure and function of whole ecosystems by striving to consider projects in their landscape and watershed contexts. Development of guidance documents and underlying scientific surveys has involved broad participation from academic, public, and private sector practitioners, planners, and regulators.

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- Integrated Streambank Protection Guidelines (2003)
- Design of Road Culverts for Fish Passage (2003)
- Fishway Guidelines for Washington State (draft)
- Fish Protection Screen Guidelines for Washington State (draft)

State-of-the-Knowledge White Papers (literature reviews):

- In- and Over-water Structures in Marine and Freshwater Environments
- Treated Wood Issues in Marine and Freshwater Environments
- Marine and Estuarine Shoreline Modification Issues
- Channel Design
- Ecological Issues in Floodplain and Riparian Corridors
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